

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A telephone system apparatus and method adapted for use on an aircraft seatback which provides an electrical connection point (i.e., jack) formed on a housing of the telephone system. The connection point permits coupling of a user's laptop computer to an on-board network, while the housing also provides the electrical connection point for a telephone handset. In one embodiment a pair of additional electrical connection points are provided for allowing more than one individual to couple his/her laptop computer to phone system, and thus gain access to the network. The telephone system eliminates the need to attach independent jacks at various locations on the seats and efficiently uses the housing of the telephone system for this purpose.